

PROCLAMATION

HONORING SHELDON DANE LEWIS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRE RESCUE DIVISION

WHEREAS, Sheldon Dane Lewis began his journey as a Firefighter with Indian River County on April 6, 1991; and,

WHEREAS, due to diligent work and demonstrated ability he advanced through the Fire Service ranks becoming an EMT two months later; within just five years on March 8, 1996, he earned Driver Engineer status and by the turn of the century, on August 4, 2000 he was promoted once again, earned his paramedic license and merited the position of Lieutenant Firemedic in which capacity he has served our community until his retirement on January 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Sheldon Lewis spent the first half of his career based at Station 7 within a response area that not only included private dwellings and businesses but also the Florida Turnpike, I-95 and State Route 60 which enabled him to gain immeasurable experience and knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, after becoming certified in Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and upon promotion to Lieutenant, Sheldon Lewis spent the second half of his career leading Station 3 which is the primary response crew for the Vero Beach Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, Sheldon Lewis' stellar devotion to duty and his dedication to "boots on the ground" philosophy have always been value-driven through high integrity, commitment, and a deep faith in God, his family and his crews.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board extend our sincerest gratitude to Lt. Lewis for his thirty years of unwavering service, commitment and dedication to this department and for choosing to spend a lifetime contributing to the safety of our community with determination, commitment, brotherhood and pride.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners and staff extend heartfelt wishes for success in his future endeavors.

Adopted this 2nd day of February, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman